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ITALY.

Report from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, November 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 7, 1900, the following ships were inspected:

On November 3, the steamship *Bolivia* of the Anchor Line, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 579 steerage passengers and 100 pieces of large and 600 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and twenty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam. On November 3, the steamship *Archimede*, of the Italian Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 853 steerage passengers, 217 pieces of large and 210 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and sixty-nine pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

JAPAN.

Plague in Osaka and Kobe.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, October 23, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since the date of my last return, October 8, 3 new cases of plague have been reported from Osaka, all fatal. This makes the totals of the recent outbreak, 28 cases and 23 deaths. On October 19, Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler notified me by telegraph of the detection of a case of plague in Kobe, and, on the receipt of a further dispatch from that officer, dated yesterday, informing me of the appearance of the disease in a second instance, I this morning cabled you, in code, as follows: "Plague is now present in Kobe." October 19, upon receipt of Acting Assistant Surgeon Fowler's telegram, I issued the inclosed circular to steamship agents.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Sanitary Inspector, Yokohama.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.—Circular.]

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, October 16, 1900.

To agents of steamships plying to the United States, Hawaii, the Philippines and Guam:

The occurrence of a case of plague in Kobe, yesterday, renders necessary the application of the provisions of circular from this office, of date April 15, 1900, as regards that port.

You will be good enough to govern your passenger business accordingly.

STUART ELDRIDGE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., Sanitary Inspector, Yokohama.

Plague again appears in Kobe.

KOBE, JAPAN, October 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that plague has again broken out in this port of Kobe.